

YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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DATE: TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8, 1983 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Community Christian Church, 2831 N. Newby, McMinnville, Oregon

POTLUCK: Bring your own service
PROGRAM: History of the local area.

MUSEUM NEWS

Time flies as it is time for newsletter and meeting once again! I'm very slow- the yardwork the past few weeks does make the days shorter.

I just cleaned a brass door knocker from the Frank Fagan home. He was school superintendant for many years and the item was donated from Mrs. Edmonds of McMinnville.

Mrs. Tyler brought a family group photo of the Poling family and later sent me the card of names of each. Also a photograph of the small house they lived in on Piety hill. Several of the children were born there. Paul, the youngest child has been here this year. He is a minister in Texas and they all seem pleased that the old family church has been so well preserved and used well.

We sell a book or two each week. Hope sales pick up for Christmas. They do make good gifts. The photo corrections and list for the Unity school should be kept in the back of your Schools of Old Yamhill. Ruth worked long hours on this book. We all owe her deep appreciation for her work.

We're open for groups anytime. Call me to set up a time. 472-7935

ROMA SITTON

HISTORY NOTES

Late this summer while doing research in the old Yamhill Reporter, a newspaper published in McMinnville until about 1904, I found an interesting article on the raising of peaches in Yamhill County in 1897. The following article appeared in August of 1897.

"Not until the last four or five years has this section of the country shown any special adaptability for growing the finest kind of peaches. Why the fact was not discovered before is a problem which some answer by saying that the climate and soil of Oregon is changing. Others claim, and we think rightly, that not until recently did we discover the right variety and locations most suitable for peaches. This variety, which is a good bearer and is a large red, delicious freestone, is the Early Charlotte and does not get ripe until the last of August. By a survey of the orchards that are hanging full this year and have borne for a number of years past, it would seem in regard to the location, first, that the land must be either high or well drained with tile; second, to be more secure against frost the orchard should be located behind a grove of trees on the west side of a hill so that the sun won't shine upon the trees until eight or nine in the morning; third, sandy soils grow better peaches than the common black land. A number of years ago a man from New York was charmed by some Yamhill peaches, and not knowing that peculiar soil and location were essential, he bought a large tract of low, poorly drained land and set it out to peaches. As a consequence he made a failure and went back to New York declaring that peaches in Oregon were the exception and not the rule. Let the man who has any doubts about this section of the county raising peaches visit the orchards of Fred I. Post and Joe Dorsey on the Willamette, or that of A. L. Alderman or William Cain near Dayton, and his doubts will give place to exclamations of praise to Yamhill!"

Submitted by Ruth Stoller

DUES

There are many members who are delinquent in their dues for the past several years. We are currently updating our paid membership list. Wouldn't you please renew your membership in our Society????

Please do so by mailing \$3.00 per member to:

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